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FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1601

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRN, AS

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL TALKS

1. IN OPENING SESSION AUSDEL SAID GOA HAS MADE FIRM DECISION TO
ABANDON

ALL RIGHTS BEYOND S. F. THIS STEP REQUIRED MAJOR CHANGE IN
ROUTE SCHEDULE ON BOTH SIDES. AUSDEL PROPOSED THAT SIMPLE SOLUTION
WOULD BE ELIMINATION BEYOND RIGHTS ON BOTH SIDES AND
INVITES USDEL REACTION.

2. WHEN USDEL SAID WERE UNINSTRUCTED BUT EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW
THIS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE AUSDEL ASKED WHAT PROPOSAL ON
MODIFIED BEYOND RIGHTS USDEL COULD MAKE. USDEL SAID COULD ONLY
REFER TO WASHINGTON.

3. IN COURSE DISCUSSION AUSDEL RAISED MANY OLD ISSUES INCLUDING
TAHATI, 747' S, CAB 213, QANTAS DOCTRINE, ETD. BUT APPEARED
MOSTLY FOR RECORD. ALSO SAID WISHED DISCUSS CAPACITY
AND PROCEDURES AS WELL AS CHARTERS LATER ON.

4. USDEL FEELS BEST APPROACH SHOULD BE AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION
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THIS SESSION IN VIEW POLITICAL ASPECTS FORTHCOMING LABOR PARTY
CONFERENCE. WE SHOULD GIVE APPEARANCE OF SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION WITHOUT GETTING LOCKED IN ON SPECIFIC
ISSUES. THEREFORE USDEL SUGGESTED WE RESPOND
TO AUSDEL BY RESULTING PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL CANCELLATION BEYOND
RIGHTS
BUT INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO EXAMINE CERTAIN US BEYONDS PER
PAA- APRIL 11 LETTER. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY
MIGHT BE TO PROPOSE EXTREME POSITION OF LIMITING QANTAS TO HONOLULU
AND

US TO SYDNEY. WHILE PAA WOULD PROBABLY OPPOSE, SUCH AN EXCHANGE
WOULD
PROBABLY SUBSTANTIALLY FAVOR US SIDE AND MIGHT SCARE OFF AUSDEL.

5. APPRECIATE ADVICE BY 1450 MELBOURNE TIME TUESDAY OR INDICATION
WHEN

ADVICE FORTHCOMING.
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